

II. Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 33-42 and 50-52 are pending in the application. Claim 33 is independent.

Claims 33-42 and 50-52 were rejected under 35 USC 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter, as set forth in the Federal Circuit decision in *In re Bilski*. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection on the grounds that the claimed subject matter is within the statutory definition of patentable subject matter. Applicants also note that the Federal Circuit decision in *In re Bilski* will be reviewed by the U.S. Supreme Court. Nevertheless, while traversing the rejection on the grounds noted above, Applicants have revised the claims in accordance with present USPTO policy.

In view of the above, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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